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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary between First French Army and Seventh US Army: BITCHE Q7750 - EDENKOBEN R2876 - SPEYER R5180 (all to First Fr Army). East of the RHINE River: No change.

Boundary between First and Third Armies: KIRTORF G9642 - TREYSA H0258 (both to First Army) - ZIEGENHAIN H0558 (to Third Army) - BORKEN H0873 - LENDORF H1375 - WABERN H1379 - DEUTE H1787 - GRIFTE H1991 - BETTENHAUSEN C2402 - WAHNHAUSEN C2708 - WILHELMSHAUSEN C2813 - HOHENGANDERN C5310 - KALTENBERG C6705 - MARTINFELD C7001 (all to First Army) - MUHLHAUSEN H9093 (to Third Army with running rights to First Army) - BOLLSTEDT H9592 - KIRCHHEILINGEN J0791 - URLEBEN J1288 (all to First Army) - BAD TENNSTEDT J1688 - STRAUSSFURT J2789 - SOMMERDA J3689 (all to Third Army).

Boundary between XVIII Airborne Corps and III Corps (effective 042400B): G6353 - RJ G5458 - WALLAU G5259 (all to XVIII Abn Corps) - PUDERBACH G4961 - STUNZEL G4465 - MUSSE G3772 (all to III Corps) - OBERHUNDEM G3076 (to XVIII Abn Corps) - junction of HUNDEM and LENNE Rivers G2378 - thence along LENNE River to its junction with the RUHR River A8313 (all to III Corps).

Boundary between III and VII Corps (effective 042400B): Commencing on the boundary between III and V Corps at ASEL G8489 (to V Corps) - thence to KORBACH G7997 - GIEBRINGHSN B6904 - HOPPECKE B6309 - BRILON B5811 - NUTTLAR B4808 (all to III Corps).

Boundary between VII and V Corps: Present boundary extended to RIMBECK B9126 - BONENBURG B9129 (both to V Corps) - railroad to B8543 (all to VII Corps).

Rear boundary of Third Army (effective 032400B): Commencing with junction of international boundary of Germany and lateral boundary between 12th and 6th Army Groups; thence north along 1939 German border to boundary between Third and First Armies (all incl to Com Z).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (041200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. I French Corps. No change.

II French Corps. 9th Colonial Division. Attacked south up to three miles, captured TEUTSCH-NEUREUT R4750 and entered KARLSRUHE R4845 after being temporarily stopped by fire from enemy casements. Front line change: KARLSRUHE R4845. 5th French Armored Division. Combat Command "4" attacked southeast up to three miles, entered BLANKENLOCH R5452 and WEINGARTEN R5850. Combat Command "5" crossed into the Seventh Army bridgehead in the vicinity of MANNHEIM R5399 and Combat Command "6" commenced to cross in the same area. Front line change: WEINGARTEN R5850. 3d Algerian Division. The 3d Regiment attacked east, gained up to two miles and reached TIEFENBACH R7764. Front line change: TIEFENBACH R7764.

SEVENTH ARMY, 36th Division. Closed in the vicinity of OTTERBERG M0200. 103d Division. Closed in the vicinity of NEUSTADT R2983.

VI Corps. 100th Division. The 397th Infantry followed Combat Command "B" of the 10th Armored Division and reached HILSBACH R8167. The 398th and 399th Infantry Regiments assembled behind the 10th Armored Division. 10th Armored Division. Combat Command "B" attacked south up to two miles and captured HILSBACH R8167. Combat Command "R" captured GRIESHEIM S0675. Front line change: HILSBACH R8167 and

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GRIESHEIM S0675. 63d Division. The 254th Infantry captured OSTERBURKEN S2293 and contacted the 4th Division in the vicinity of BUCHEN N1403. Front line change: OSTERBURKEN S2293 - BUCHEN N1403.

XXI Corps. 4th Division. The 8th Infantry expanded the MAIN River bridgehead and reached the vicinity of N6526. The bridgehead is now up to four miles wide and one and one-half miles deep. Front line change: N6526. 12th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" advanced east up to three miles on a four-mile front. Combat Command "B" crossed into the MAIN River bridgehead at N6821. Combat Command "A" reached the MAIN River in the vicinity of N5435. Front line change: N7510 - N7715 and N5435. 42d Division. The 222d Infantry crossed the MAIN River at N5437 and secured a small bridgehead. The 242d Infantry attacked north on a four-mile front and gained one mile. Front line change: N5437 - N1642 - N4045.

XV Corps. 14th Armored Division. Combat Command "B" captured LOHR N3156. Front line change: N3156. 3d Division. The division mopped up behind the 14th Armored Division. 45th Division. Attacked northeast on a three-mile front, gained up to four miles and captured FLORSBACH N1971. The 157th Infantry cleared ASCHAFFENBURG N0154 of all organized resistance. Front line change: N2269 - FLORSBACH N1971. 44th Division. Attacked northeast and reached N0570. Front line change: N0570. 106th Cavalry Group. Screened the left flank of the XV Corps south-west of SCHLUCHTERN N2796.

21 ARMY GROUP. SECOND BRITISH ARMY. I British Corps. No change.

VIII British Corps. 6th Guards Tank Brigade. Attached to the 15th Division. 6th Airborne Division. (With 1st Commando Bde and 15th Ren Regt atchd). Attacked east against light opposition and advanced up to thirty-seven miles on a five-mile front and reached MINDEN W8011. OSNABRUCK W2108 was captured but was not entirely clear of the enemy. Contact was established with the 11th British Armored Division at W6016. The 15th Reconnaissance Regiment of the 15th Division was attached and was in contact with the enemy in the vicinity of W7919. Front line change: MINDEN W8011 - W7919 - W7617 - W6915 - W6016. 11th Armored Division. Attacked east against light opposition, advanced up to thirty-four miles on a seven-mile front. Reached GLISSEN W8326 and the WESER River at SCHLUSSELBURG W9032 and STOLZENAU W9135. The bridges at these two points were out. Front line change: W6016 - GLISSEN W8326 - SCHUSSELBURG W9032 - STOLZENAU W9135 - W7934 - W6725. 15th Division. (Less the 15th Ren Regt and with the 6th Gds Tk Bde atchd). The 15th Reconnaissance Regiment was attached to the 6th Airborne Division. The division mopped up behind the 11th British Armored Division.

XII British Corps. 7th Armored Division. (With the 155th Bde atchd). The 22d Armored Brigade attacked northeast against some opposition, advanced up to twenty-two miles and seized a bridge intact over the EMS-WESER Canal in the vicinity of W3121. A bridgehead was established to include the area W3221 - W3022. The 131st Brigade followed up and passed through HALEN W1415. Front line change: W3221 - W3022 - HALEN W1415 - W0007 - V9907. 52d Division. (With 4th Armd Bde and 160th Bde atchd). The 157th Brigade enlarged its bridgehead over the DORTMUND-EMS Canal in the vicinity of V8311 against heavy mortar and artillery fire. The 156th Brigade entered the 157th Brigade bridgehead and advanced north up to two miles to reach V8415 - V8315 against strong resistance. Reconnaissance units of the division moved north along the west bank of the canal and reached V7913. The 160th Brigade (53d Div) was attached to the division. Front line change: V8415 - V8315 - V7913. 53d Division. The 160th Brigade advanced north on a two-mile front and gained up to three miles. The brigade then was attached to the 52d Division. The 158th Brigade gained up to one-half mile on a four-mile front and then moved to a concentration area west of EMSDETTEN A8597 in preparation to follow up the 7th British Armored Division. Front line change: V7612 - V7514 and V6310 - V6108 - V5807.

XXX Corps. Guards Armored Division. The 5th Guards Armored Brigade captured SCHUTTOLF V6414. The road SCHUTTOLF - NORDHORN V5426 was cleared of the enemy. The brigade was then relieved by the 153d Brigade (51st Div) and moved into an assembly area in the vicinity of BENTHEIM V6011 - GILDEHAUS V5710. Front line change: SCHUTTOLF V6414. 3d British Division. Continued to expand its bridgehead across the DORTMUND-EMS Canal. Fighting continued in the north part of LINGEN V7136 and

in LAXTEN V7336. Front line change: V7134 - LAXTEN V7336 - LINGEN V7136. 43d Division. (With 8th Armd Bde atchd). The 129th Brigade concentrated in the vicinity of HAAKSBERGEN A3296 and the 214th Brigade in OLDENZAAL V4412. 51st Division. The 153d Brigade moved to BENTHEIM V6011 and relieved the 5th Guards Armored Brigade.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. II Canadian Corps. 4th Canadian Armored Division. The 4th Canadian Armored Brigade pushed through the established bridgehead across the TWENTHE Canal in the vicinity of V2706, advanced northeast fifteen miles and reached OOTMARSUM V4223. ALMELO V2618 and TUBBERGEN V3523 were captured. Front line change: OOTMARSUM V4223 - TUBBERGEN V3523 - ALMELO V2618 - V2614. 3d Canadian Division. The 8th Canadian Infantry Brigade was in contact with the enemy in DOESBURG E9080. The area E9179 - line of IJSSEL River to E7774 - line of PANNERDENSCH KAN River to E8365 was cleared of the enemy.

I Canadian Corps. No change.

AIR. (4 April). Eighth Air Force: 928 heavy bombers attacked the U-boat pens at KIEL N5638, several airfields and various other targets. 868 fighter aircraft sortied to support the operations. 10 bombers and 8 fighters were lost. Claims included 30 enemy aircraft. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 327 medium bombers against a supply depot, the marshalling yard at CRAILSHEIM S7062 and other targets. 6 bombers were lost. The Tactical Air Commands flew 559 fighter/fighter bomber sorties in support of the bomber operations and on separate missions. Claims included 12 enemy aircraft, 109 motor transport and 30 locomotives.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Light to scattered showers. Clouds: Broken to overcast. Visibility: 3 - 4 miles at dawn, becoming 4 - 6 miles by 1000B, but limited to 1 - 2 miles in local showers. Wind: 10 mph, south southwest. Temperatures at LUXEMBOURG: Maximum 55° F. Minimum 42° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. Moderate resistance continued in the vicinity of KASSEL C2203, but elsewhere opposition was light and scattered. Army Troops. 70th Division and 13th Armored Division. No change.

XII Corps. 71st Division. Mopped up remaining enemy opposition in the division zone. 2d Cavalry Group. Continued to patrol the southern flank of the XII Corps. 26th Division. Mopped up behind the 11th Armored Division. Other units attacked south and advanced up to three miles on a five-mile front. Front line change: H3710 - H4014 - H4315 - H4318. 11th Armored Division. Captured ZELLA MEHLIS JO733. 90th Division. Advanced behind the 4th Armored Division and cleared the enemy within its zone. 4th Armored Division. (With the 355th Inf atchd). Captured GOTHA JO865, SIEBLEBEN J1164 and MUHLBERG J1756 against light resistance. The 359th Infantry reverted to command of the 90th Division. The 4th Armored Division was relieved from attachment to XII Corps and attached to VIII Corps effective 032400B. Front line change: J1756 - J1164 - J1167.

XX Corps. 6th Armored Division. Advanced eight miles east and captured MUHLHAUSEN H9093 against moderate resistance. Front line change: H9394 - H9096. 80th Division. Captured SANDERSHAUSEN C2604, KASSEL C2203, PHILIPPINENHOF C2206, THRINGSHAUSEN C2407 and NIEDERVELIMAR C2107. Front line change: SANDERSHAUSEN C2604 - C2407 - C1908. 3d Cavalry Group. Advanced eight miles north and made contact with units of the 9th Armored Division (V Corps) in the vicinity of OBERELSUNGEN C0409. 5th Division. Relieved from attachment to XX Corps and placed under army control. The division commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of LICH G7614.

VIII Corps. 76th Division. Attached to XX Corps effective 032400B. The division attacked north and gained three miles against light opposition. Front line change: H4395 - H3797 - H3596. 89th Division. (Less the 355th Inf). Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of H2960. The division then moved thirty miles and mopped up between the WERRA River and EISENACH H8267 where house-to-house fighting took place. 65th Division. Continued to mop up behind the 6th Armored Division (XX

Corps). Leading units reached GROSSENGOTTEREN H9787. Front line change: H9787.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 9th Armored Division. (With the 38th Inf atchd). Continued mopping up scattered resistance. 2d Division. (Less 38th Inf). Continued mopping up operations.

VII Corps. 3d Armored Division. (With the 414th Inf atchd). Advanced up to three miles east against light opposition. Front line change: B8036 - B8242 - B7744. 1st Division. The 16th Infantry commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of BUREN B5728. 9th Division. (With CCA 7th Armcd Div atchd). The division gained one mile against initially light but later moderate resistance. The division then attacked north and made an advance of two miles. The division was attached to III Corps at 042400B. Front line change: G5599 - G5596 - G5694 - G5490 - G5389. 104th Division. (Less the 414th Inf and with the 4th Cav Gp atchd). The 4th Cavalry Group occupied OLSBERG B5206. The remainder of the division continued mopping up.

XVIII Airborne Corps. 8th Division. Made a small advance against moderate resistance over difficult terrain. Front line change: G3365. 78th Division. Commenced relief of the 8th Division and was itself in process of being relieved by the 97th Division.

III Corps. 7th Armored Division. (Less CCA). Closed in an assembly area behind the 9th Division, then attacked through the 47th Infantry and gained two miles against moderate enemy resistance. WINKLAUSEN G4284 was captured. Front line change: G4284. 99th Division. Closed in the vicinity of G4670. 28th Division. (Less the 109th Inf). Attached to V Corps.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 82d Airborne Division. Assigned to XXII Corps and relieved the 86th Division. 101st Airborne Division. Assigned to the XXII Corps and completed the relief of the 97th Division. 106th Division. No change.

XXIII Corps. No change.

XXII Corps. 109th Infantry (28th Div). No change. 86th Division. Attached to First Army at 042300B and commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of ROTH G4449. 97th Division. Relieved by the 101st Airborne Division and attached to First Army at 042400B. The division was further attached to the XVIII Airborne Corps and continued the relief of the 78th Division.

NINTH ARMY. XVI Corps. 75th Division. (With 116th Inf atchd). Expanded the bridgehead to the south to a maximum depth of four miles against initially heavy but later light opposition. Front line change: A6931 - A7231 - A7431 - A7632 - A7730 - A8132 - A8134.

XIX Corps. 95th Division. Continued fighting in HAMM B0542 and expanded the bridgehead southeast of the city four miles on an eight-mile front. Front line change: B1039 - B2033. 8th Armored Division. Advanced seven miles and captured MIELINGHSN B3535, SCHMERLECKE B3533 and EICKELBORN B3339. Front line change: EICKELBORN B3339 - MIELINGHSN B3535 - B3533 - B3729 - B3724. 83d Division. Captured BAD DRIBERG B8949, ALTENDEKEN B8252 and HORN B8364. Front line change: B8949 - B8252 - HORN B8364 - KREUZEN B8567. 2d Armored Division. (With the 110th Inf atchd). Advanced twenty-five miles northeast, crossed the WESER River and reached FRENKE C1781. Other units advanced to TUNDERN C1286 and HAMELN C1191. Front line change: B8769 - FRENKE C1781 - C1484 - TUNDERN C1286 - C1086 - HAMELN C1191. 30th Division. (Less the 110th Inf). Captured DETMOLD B7871 against moderate resistance. 113th Cavalry Group. Reconnoitered in front of the 83d Division.

XIII Corps. 5th Armored Division. Entered MINDEN W8010 and contacted British forces west of the town. Combat Command "R" assembled in the vicinity of LANGENHOLZHSN B8495 after having advanced four miles east to B8997. Front line change: B8997 and MINDEN W8010. 84th Division. Captured BIELEFELD B5480 and continued mopping up. 17th Airborne Division. (Less 194th Gli Inf). Attached to XVI Corps. The 194th Glider Infantry assembled in the vicinity of LIPESTADT B4242 and was attached to 8th Armored Division (XIX Corps). 102d Division. Commenced

movement to the vicinity of B3076. 11th Cavalry Group. Attached to the 102d Division. It continued to screen the corps left flank and repulsed numerous small enemy units.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 042400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	67,751	277,406	35,323	9,674	390,154
Non-battle					289,095
Total Casualties					679,249

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group

4th Division	KIRCHHEIM N5319
42d Division	REMLINGEN N4035
63d Division	MOSBACH S0284
2d Moroccan Division	GRABEN R5562
9th Colonial Division	LEOPOLDSHAUSEN R4856
12th Armored Division	GIEBELSTADT N5919
10th Armored Division	HOFFENHEIM R8075

21 Army Group

15th Division	W0502
3d British Division	V6532
3d Canadian Division	E9786
6th Airborne Division	W5612

12th Army Group

XIII Corps	RORUP A6867
26th Division	GEISA H5637
71st Division	ULMBACH N1998
76th Division	ROHRENFURTH H2685
80th Division	KASSEL C2203
83d Division	BAD LIPPSPRINGE B7454
84th Division	WARENFORF B1772
86th Division	EIDELSHAUSEN G4246
89th Division	NESSELRODEN H6672
97th Division	ODERPLEIS F6734
99th Division	G5169
102d Division	BULDERN A7463
2d Armored Division	B8031
4th Armored Division	GOTHA J0865
6th Armored Division	EIGENRIEDEN H8193
7th Armored Division	G6278

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